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Fall Maneuvers of the First Gds Mecz Army

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12 October 1955

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This is UNEVALUATED Information

ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

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shipments between 19 and

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B - boxcar; F/S - flatcar with sideracks; SS - heavy-duty flatcar

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5. Between 0800 and 0845 on 21 September, an engineer unit, which came from the direction of Grossenhain, was seen at the engineer training site south of Muehlberg. The unit consisted of 2 [] amphibious vehicles [] [] which were occupied by a colonel and a lieutenant colonel of the engineers, 2 DUKV-533 amphibious vehicles [] [] 1 crane truck, 3 trucks towing a large motorboat, 1 truck towing a small motorboat, 6 to 8 trucks each occupied by 25 to 30 soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets, some 36 trucks with steel pontoons, beams and T-beams. []

8 to 10 trucks with beams and boards
Tank truck [] 2 repair shop trucks
and 2 trucks with field kitchens. The rear of the column was brought up by
three-axle truck [] which picked up the traffic control posts.
At 1500 on 22 September, an engineer bridge was being constructed. Groups
of 4 pontoons were towed to the eastern bank of the Elbe River by motorboats.
Numerous trucks, 10 steel pontoons, 4 armored personnel carriers, 2 DUKV-353
amphibious vehicles and 3 [] amphibious vehicles []
were seen. Sedan [] was occupied by a general.
At 1100 on 22 September, a troop train carrying 16 tank trucks []
[] came from the direction of Riesa and proceeded toward Grossenhain.
Personnel observed wore red-bordered black epaulets.²

1. Comment. [redacted] elements of the 9th Mecz Div of the Third Gds Mecz Army from Luebben and Zossen were transferred to the Hoyerswerda-Weisswasser-Bautzen assembly area, in addition to units of the First Gds Mecz Army. Koenigswusterhausen was presumably mentioned only as forwarding station of the RBD Berlin. 25X1
2. Comment. Compare with information in paragraph 1. 25X1
3. Comment. No information has been received on a Soviet exercise in the Dresden area between 13 and 17 September. 25X1
4. Comment. It cannot be determined to what extent the training activities of engineers on the Mulde River near Grimma were connected with the exercise of the First Gds Mecz Army, which started in the Weisswasser area. 25X1
5. Comment. The assembly of engineer units of the First Gds Mecz Army at the engineer training site Muehlberg near Riesa training activities observed there were presumably connected with the fall exercise of the First Gds Mecz Army, which started in the Weisswasser area. 25X1

the engineer units of GSFG, which transferred from Spereberg 25X1
to Borna and Roederau [redacted] on 13 and [redacted]
19 September, also participated in the exercise. [redacted]

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